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Appl. No. 10/688,539

Atty. Docket No. 32328US02

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated January 22, 2008. In response thereto, applicant proposes an Amendment After Final in which claim 1 has been amended. Claims 1-6 are currently pending in the application, and if the proposed Amendment After Final is entered by the Examiner, then claims 1-6 would still be pending in the application.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-6 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Specifically, the Examiner states that the distinction between the hydrophilic polymer and the polyvinyl acetate and polyvinyl alcohol in claim 1 is unclear because the claim does not recite polyvinyl acetate, polyvinyl alcohol and a hydrophilic polymer other than these two. Applicant hereby amends claim 1 to recite "a hydrophilic polymer other than polyvinyl alcohol or polyvinyl acetate." It is respectfully submitted that this amendment overcomes the Section 112, second paragraph rejection.

Entry of the amendment is respectfully requested because it is believed to place the application in condition for allowance or at least in better form for appeal without presenting new issues requiring substantial further consideration.

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In view of the above, it is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the objections and rejections is requested. Allowance of claims 1-6 at an early date is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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